

Current Events in Science

Science articles can be found in every edition of most newspapers every day in the United States. Consider that these issues may be similar on the international scale and are wrapped and tied into the news media like a political battle, social crisis, or worldwide epidemic. These articles may be about obvious environmental issues such as water quality or the ozone hole or other issues such as genetic diseases or a new animal being discovered!

It is ABSOLUTELY impossible to write or compose an article that does not possess bias. Bias can be defined as a strong feeling, opinion or inclination towards a particular topic. You should try to avoid terms such as "like" and "dislike" in your write up. Realize that any article that you choose may be skewed to the viewpoint of the author or the publication.

An important goal in this class is to provide a global and local view of science relating to current topics.

1. **Locate an article** in the newspaper or magazine that relates to Biology. You may use the Internet but the source needs to be an online publication – not a website. The article must be attached. **You will be submitting these assignments to Turnitin.com.** You will need to **upload** the article that you use. You may not just submit the URL or website used. If you do not submit the article you will earn a zero on the assignment.
2. **Identify the source** of the periodical or newspaper of the article and the date published.
3. **Identify three vocabulary terms** from the reading. Using the google doc provided you will fill in the information.
4. **Compose and type a short summary** (5 lines of text) of the article. Be sure to identify the ‘W’s (Who, What, Where, When, Why and how.)
5. **Explain the purpose** or main idea of the article.
6. **React to the article.** Where are the opinions offered? Is the source of the article automatically a bias? (ex. a publication from the Nature Conservancy). In what direction is the bias – for environmental sustainability or against?
7. **Post reading.** Create three different questions that relate to the article. One question each – true / false, a multiple choice type question and a short essay question. Please include the answers as well.
8. **Neatness counts!** Follow the format given on the current event sheet. Again, you will be typing these up and submitting them online. Do not forget to submit the article also.
9. Once you **submit the assignment** to turnitin.com you will be able to make corrections up until the due date. Please be sure to check your work. Plagiarism results in a zero.
10. The current event will be worth **20 points** to be turned in every other week unless otherwise communicated by your teacher.
11. You will also **verbally share** your article during “Monday circle.”